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Broadcast to all Staff from
Systems Operations and the Food Stamp Policy Unit

Increase Resource Limit to \$3,000 for food stamp households with a disabled member

The 2002 Farm Bill increases the resource limit to \$3,000 for food stamp households that include a disabled member. This new policy, effective with benefit month October 2002, allows the same resource limit for all Special Category (SPECAT) households. SPECAT households are those households containing at least one member who is elderly (at least 60 years of age) or disabled as defined at Food Stamp Manual section 600-2.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

For food stamp households with countable resources under \$2,000, the FS RESOURCE DETERMINATION SCREEN (FSRD) will display the edit: CASE HAS PASSED THE RESOURCE DETERMINATION TEST.

Food stamp households that include a member at least 60 years of age with a participation code of *IN*, *DI*, *DJ*, or *DF* will automatically receive a resource limit of \$3,000.

If the food stamp household has countable resources in excess of \$3,000, the FSRD will display the edit: FS FAILS RESOURCE / CHECK FOR SI, AP, AF CLIENT (S). This edit serves to remind the worker that resources for these clients are exempt and must be coded *ER* on the resource screens.

For food stamp households containing no elderly members that have resources between \$2,000 and \$3,000, the FSRD will display a severe edit: PLEASE ANSWER DISABILITY QUESTION. When this edit appears, you will see the following at the bottom of the screen:

RESOURCE LIMIT USED \$2,000 DISABILITY IN HH?
(Y/N)_____.

And, below it:

CASE MAY PASS RESOURCE TEST IF SPECAT CLIENT IN HH.

The eligibility question must be answered with a *Y* or *N* before you can proceed.

- **Y** - the system will use the higher resource limit of \$3,000, and the ET can continue processing.
- **N** - the system will use the \$2000 resource limit. NEXT to the FSED screen to close/deny the case. You do not have to enter any income or expense information but remember that resources belonging to clients receiving APA, Temporary Assistance, Native Family Assistance, or SSI are exempt and must be coded "ER" on the resource screens.

On-Line Help (PF10) will provide detailed information about this process, as well as SPECAT definitions and unearned income codes pertaining to disabilities.

We are currently working on enhancements to the FSRD and expanding On-Line Help information. Another broadcast will be sent when these changes are in place.

For any system-related questions, please contact the DPA EIS Help Desk at EISHELP@health.state.ak.us. For food stamp policy questions, please contact Joan Chase at Joan_Chase@health.state.ak.us.